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SUBJECT: PROJECT CONSTANT TREAT

REF: STATE 13452

1. WE SAW JACKSON (HEAD, DEFENSE DEPT, FCO) ON 27 JAN TO PASS REQUEST FOR AIRCRAFT BASING AT RAF WETHERSFIELD DURING APRIL-JUNE 1975 INVESTIGATIVE PHASE. JACKSON TOOK CAREFUL NOTES, ASKED ANTICIPATED QUESTIONS (E.G., WHY U-2CS? WHY BASED IN UK? ANY INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION ROLE? HOW MANY PEOPLE? WHY SUCH A LONG PERIOD?), ALL OF WHICH WERE ANSWERED TO HIS APPARENT SATISFACTION.

2. JACKSON DID SAY THAT SOME SORT OF COVER STORY SEEMS APPROPRIATE, PARTICULARLY INASMUCH AS THE AIRCRAFT WILL

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BE SO VISIBLE FOR SUCH AN EXTENDED PERIOD. EMBASSY EN-

DORSES THIS SUGGESTION FULLY AND RECOMMENDS THAT THOUGHT BE GIVEN TO RELEASING WHATEVER COVER STORY IS DEVELOPED SHORTLY BEFORE THE FIRST AIRCRAFT ARRIVE AT RAF WETHERSFIELD. THIS COULD SPIKE PRESS SPECULATION AND PUT US IN A BETTER POSITION TO RESPOND TO SUBSEQUENT QUERIES.

3. JACKSON PROMISED TO EXPLORE THE MATTER URGENTLY WITHIN HMG AND EXPECTS TO BE ABLE TO GIVE US AN INITIAL INDICATION OF LIKELY HMG POSITION WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK OR TEN DAYS.

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